



**STATE OF WASHINGTON
DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND WILDLIFE**

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DETERMINATION OF NONSIGNIFICANCE (DNS)

Name of Proposal: CHIAWONA ORCHARDS LLC-GRASSCARP-POND

Description of Proposal: Plant triploid (sterile) grass carp into Richland Frost Pond, with no public access, to control aquatic vegetation. Future restocking may be necessary due to fish loss.

Proponent/Applicant:

Chiawona Orchards LLC (c/o Shaun)
3107 River Road
Yakima Wa 98902

Location of Proposal, including street, if any: 3550 Kennedy Road, Benton County, 99352 Washington; Section 16, Township 09 North, Range 28 East WM

Lead Agency: Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife (WDFW)

WDFW has determined that this proposal will likely not have a significant adverse impact on the environment. Therefore, state law¹ does not require an environmental impact statement (EIS). WDFW made this determination of nonsignificance (DNS) after we reviewed the environmental checklist and other information on file with us.

We issued this DNS according to state rules.² We will **not act on this proposal for 14 days** from the date we issued the DNS. Agencies, affected tribes, and members of the public are invited to comment on this proposal or DNS. We must receive your comments within 14 days of the date of this letter. This means we must receive your comments by **December 21, 2009**

You can submit your comments by email to SEPAdesk@dfw.wa.gov, through the WDFW SEPA website comment link at <http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hab/sepa/sepa.htm>, fax to (360) 902-2946, or mail to the address below. When you send us your comments, please provide the name of the proposal in your comment letter.

Responsible Official: Teresa A. Eturaspe

Position/Title: SEPA/NEPA Coordinator, WDFW Regulatory Services Section

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After the comment period closes, applicants may view the updated status of this proposal on the WDFW SEPA website: <http://www.wdfw.wa.gov/hab/sepa/sepa.htm>. Once the status is posted as final, applicants and permittees may take action on the proposal. When a proposal is modified or withdrawn, notice will be given in accordance with state law.¹

If you have questions about this DNS or the details of the proposal, contact Teresa Eturaspe at the address, e-mail, or fax number above; you can also call her at (360) 902-2575.

DATE OF ISSUE: December 7, 2009 SIGNATURE:



Footnotes

1. RCW 43.21C.030(2)(c)
2. WAC 197-11-340(2).

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